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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Office Action dated July 23, 2009, in which claim 1 and 4 are finally rejected.

Submitted herewith is payment in the amount of \$540.00 for the notice of appeal fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §41.20(b)(1). Also submitted herewith is a request for an extension of time and the appropriate fee.

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